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A devasting toll

Nearly three-fourths of Berrien's COVID-19 deaths have been residents of long-term care centers

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

About 71 percent of the COVID-19 deaths in Berrien County have been that of long-term care facilities residents, according to new data being reported by the state.

That's 41 out of 57 deaths, a percentage increase from the estimate made by the Berrien County Health Department on June 3, estimating that 33 out of 53, or about 63 percent, of the county's COVID-19 deaths had been residents in these facilities.

Michigan's health department on Monday mandated coronavirus testing of all nursing home residents and staff after reporting the deaths of nearly 2,000 residents tied to the facilities – about a third of all COVID-19 deaths across the state.

Up until mid-May, the state had been reporting the number of cases, but no information about deaths or recoveries.

Of the eight facilities in Berrien County required to report their COVID-19 cases to the state, four have recorded cases and deaths in residents, while six have recorded cases in staff members. No staff members have died.

Berrien County reported 123 COVID-19 cases in residents at these facilities, while 41 have died and 70 staff members at those facilities have had the virus, as of Sunday.

West Woods of Niles saw the most cases. They saw 75 residents get the virus and 20 of them died. In addition, 38 staff members there got the virus.

Hallmark Living in Benton Harbor had 19 cases and 16 deaths, with five staff cases.

Pine Ridge Rehabilitation & Nursing in Stevensville reported 20 cases, three deaths and 13 staff cases.

Riveridge Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center in Niles reported nine cases, two deaths and nine staff cases.

Royalton Manor in St. Joseph reported two staff cases, while West Woods of Bridgman reported three staff cases.

No cases of COVID-19 were reported in residents at long-term care facilities in Cass or Van Buren counties.

In Cass County, The Timbers of Cass County in Dowagiac reported one COVID-19 case in a staff member.

In Van Buren County, Graceway at Countryside in South Haven reported on case in a staff member, while Meadow Woods Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Bloomingdale and South Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation both reported two cases in staff members.

For state case data, visit www.michigan.gov/coronavirus.

Tuesday count update

Berrien County recorded no new COVID-19 cases or deaths Tuesday, and added six more recoveries.

With 588 recoveries and 57 deaths, the county is at about 31 active cases, 12 less than last Tuesday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating two COVID-19 patients as of Tuesday morning.

Van Buren and Cass counties each added one case Tuesday, bringing their cumulative totals to 183 and 103, respectively. Neither county added any deaths Tuesday.

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MAINTAINING THE MASKS

Tony Wittkowski / HP staff

Anne Marie Nuter prepares a hot dog for Sam Pavlopoulos on Tuesday from The Hot Dog Kart in downtown St. Joseph, as both parties wear masks – a recommended precaution against the spread of the coronavirus.

Michigan group comes up short on signatures to ban abortion method

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — A ballot group failed to collect enough petition signatures to put veto-proof legislation before the Republican-led Michigan Legislature that would prohibit a common second-trimester abortion procedure, the state elections bureau said.

Monday's report was a blow to the Michigan Values Life committee. It submitted 380,000 signatures in December, about 40,000 more than the 340,000 needed.

Staff in the elections bureau, however, estimated that only about 333,000 of the signatures were valid and that the effort came 7,276 signatures short. A 500-signature sample had duplicates, signers with an invalid voter registration status and other errors.

The staff recommended that the bipartisan Board of State Canvassers – split between two Democrats and two Republicans – deny certification when it meets Thursday.

Right to Life of Michigan, the main organizer of the initiated bill, wants to ban dilation and evacuation – which it refers to as "dismemberment." Abortion-rights advocates say the procedure is safe and physicians should not face prosecution for using it.

The method, in which the fetus is removed in pieces with a surgical instrument, was used in 2,076, or 7.6 percent, of abortions in the state last year. It accounted for more than half of all second-trimester abortions, including 84 percent that were performed after the 16th week of pregnancy.

Right to Life of Michigan President Barbara Listing said she is "extremely disappointed." The ballot committee hopes to persuade canvassers that some signatures that were challenged by an abortion rights group are "obviously good," she said.

The elections bureau said the Coalition to Protect Access to Care, which is affiliated with Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan, alleged that 66 signatures in the 500-signature sample were invalid. Staff rejected 20 challenges, said 24 overlapped ones they had already flagged and accepted 22.

They later partially agreed with the anti-abortion group's rebuttal and accepted two signatures as valid.

Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer has vowed to veto identical legislation that Republicans proposed as normal bills. But under the state constitution, a governor's veto can effectively be bypassed through the initiative process.

Right to Life has

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SOUTH HAVEN

Becky Kark / For The Herald-Palladium

Dunkley Avenue remains partially flooded Tuesday, a fact that residents of the South Haven Marina Townhomes are all too familiar with due to the continued near record-high level of Lake Michigan and the Black River channel.

Plan of action set in motion for soggy street

$85K set aside to deal with Dunkley Avenue flooding

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — It's not a long-term fix, but city officials are willing to spend $85,000 in an attempt to prevent the continued flooding on Dunkley Avenue that has forced closure of the road and difficulty in boat access to Black River Park.

In return, a condominium association, whose homes line a section of the roadway, plans to chip in $15,000 to help offset some of the costs the city will bear.

City council members voted Monday to contract with Compton Inc. of South Haven to place a series of dams, sandbags and pumps to prevent water from flooding the road, which is located right next to the Black River.

"The proposed plan was developed to prevent water from entering the Dunkley Avenue area up to the elevation of the river water as seen in late April," said City Engineer Mike Dopp in a memo to the city council.

The new flood control measures are in addition to the $19,000 the city spent last fall to install two pumps to curb flooding that was just starting to occur due to near record-high water levels on Lake Michigan and the Black River.

"That seemed to work," Department of Public Works Director Bill Hunter said. "There were times when it did flood. We knew that was going to happen, but eventually it did work. (But) as of today it is not working."

The reason has to do with the continued high water levels on Lake Michigan and the Black River. Each month of this year, water levels have broken

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Prelim starts for alleged arsonist

Ohio woman accused of targeting brother, his family by setting fire to mobile home

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Carlos Ramirez told a Berrien County judge Tuesday that he was at home doing his homework the night of March 25 when his aunt came over, drunk, and said "I killed your uncle."

"She said she was targeting the children. She said if my mom didn't help her hide she was going to hurt my mom," Ramirez, 18, told Berrien County Trial Court Judge Gary Bruce.

The teen was testifying in a preliminary hearing for Jessica Mercado-Rodriguez, 27, of Dayton, Ohio. She is alleged to have set fire to the home of her brother, Juan Mercado, while his four children and two other adults were inside. Everyone got out and the homeowner used a hose to put out the fire, according to testimony. Mercado-Rodriguez is charged with second-degree arson and four counts of attempted murder, and faces up to life in prison if convicted. She appeared at her hearing by video from the Berrien County jail, where she is being held on a $1 million bond.

Ramirez testified that Mercado-Rodriguez told him that she set fire to the home because Mercado's wife had been flirting with her husband, and she wanted to hurt his children, Ramirez testified. The children range in age from 4 to 13. Ramirez told the judge he ran over to the nearby home of his uncle to see if everyone was

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What are the potential long-term effects of having COVID-19?

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

What are the potential long-term effects of having COVID-19?

It's hard to say exactly, because the coronavirus is still so new that scientists don't know much about long-term effects. The best evidence comes from patients themselves, and some experience a variety of symptoms long after their infections have cleared.

Most people recover within a few weeks. For people who experience longer-term effects, the most common issues are bouts of exhaustion, headaches, anxiety and muscle aches that can last for at least several more weeks.

Patients who required intensive care, including those put on ventilators or kidney dialysis, can experience more serious issues.

Lung scarring can occur in people who developed pneumonia. Heart inflammation, irregular heartbeats, and worsening kidney and liver function have been reported as well. However, it's too soon to know if those could be permanent problems.

Survivors who had long intensive-care stays sometimes need oxygen therapy or dialysis at home. Some also develop a condition called post-intensive care syndrome, which can include persistent muscle weakness and memory problems. That can happen after any critical illness and may be related to sedation and prolonged bed confinement during hospitalization.

Blood clots can also develop during and after COVID-19 infections, occasionally causing strokes. Even in less serious cases, blood thinners are prescribed and can require lifestyle changes to reduce risks of bleeding.

Most symptoms appear to eventually go away, said Dr. Thomas McGinn of the Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research in New York, who was involved in one of the largest U.S. studies of COVID-19 patients.

"It's just a matter of when. For some patients it may take longer than others," McGinn said.

LOTTERIES

Tuesday drawings

Michigan

Poker Lotto
KH-5D-6H-5S-9S
Midday Daily 3
3-5-3
Midday Daily 4
1-0-3-5
Daily 3
7-0-5
Daily 4
4-8-6-9
Fantasy 5
05-08-16-21-28
Keno
04-05-06-08-09-15-23-25-28-32-33-38-41-43-49-51-57-61-62-63-67-75
Mega Millions jackpot
$22 million
Powerball jackpot
$22 million

Monday drawings

Indiana

Cash 5
03-05-07-14-43
Cash4Life
18-31-34-43-55, Cash Ball: 2
Quick Draw Midday
02-16-17-20-22-26-28-30-31-34-37-40-48-51-54-56-58-59-73-75, BE: 73
Daily Three-Midday
0-5-9, SB: 1
Daily Three-Evening
3-6-4, SB: 3
Daily Four-Midday
8-9-2-5, SB: 1
Daily Four-Evening
3-4-2-8, SB: 3
Quick Draw Evening
14-15-16-19-23-25-26-27-29-31-33-39-42-47-48-54-56-65-67-75, BE: 14

Illinois

Lotto
02-04-05-14-38-44, Extra Shot: 4
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
03-06-08-26-32
Estimated jackpot
$600,000
Pick Three-Midday
9-0-3, Fireball: 1
Pick Three-Evening
1-0-3, Fireball: 4
Pick Four-Midday
7-8-9-8, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Evening
6-2-1-2, Fireball: 0
Lucky Day Lotto
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Trump signs executive order on police reform

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Law enforcement officials applaud after President Donald Trump signed an executive order on police reform, in the Rose Garden of the White House on Tuesday.

WASHINGTON — Following weeks of national protests since the death of George Floyd, President Donald Trump signed an executive order on policing Tuesday that he said would encourage better police practices and establish a database to keep track of officers with a history of excessive use-of-force complaints.

In Rose Garden remarks, Trump stressed the need for higher standards and commiserated with mourning families, even as he hailed the vast majority of officers as selfless public servants and held his law-and-order line.

"Reducing crime and raising standards are not opposite goals," he said before signing the order flanked by police.

Trump and the GOP have been rushing to respond to the mass demonstrations against police brutality and racial prejudice that have raged for weeks across the country in response to the deaths of Floyd and other black Americans. It's a sudden shift for the Republican Party – and one Democrats are watching warily – that shows how quickly the protests have changed the political conversation and pressured Washington to act.

But Trump, who has faced criticism for failing to acknowledge systemic racial bias and has advocated for rougher police treatment of suspects in the past has continued to emphasize his support for law enforcement. At the signing event, he railed against those who committed violence during the largely peaceful protests and made no mention of racism, while lambasting Democrats in an election year.

Trump's executive order would establish a database that tracks police officers with excessive use of force complaints in their records. And it would give police departments a financial incentive to adopt best practices and encourage co-responder programs, in which social workers join police when they respond to nonviolent calls involving mental health, addiction and homeless issues.

Trump said that, as part of the order, the use of chokeholds would be banned "except if an officer's life is at risk." However, senior administration officials said the order would instead promote certification bodies that train officers in de-escalation techniques and use-of-force standards that prohibit chokeholds "except in those situations where deadly force is allowed by law." Chokeholds are already largely banned in police departments nationwide.

Democrats and other critics said Trump's measure doesn't go far enough.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said it "falls sadly and seriously short of what is required to combat the epidemic of racial injustice and police brutality that is murdering hundreds of Black Americans."

"During this moment of national anguish, we must insist on bold change, not meekly surrender to the bare minimum," she said.

Kristina Roth at Amnesty International USA said the order "amounts to a Band-Aid for a bullet wound" at a time when "this moment is calling for transformational change of policing."

Florida Democratic Rep. Val Demings, a former Orlando police chief who is seen as a potential vice-presidential running mate for Democrat Joe Biden, praised the executive order as "on the right track," but she criticized Trump for failing to acknowledge racism in acts of police brutality and failing to engage the Justice Department in police reforms.

Trump, meanwhile, framed his plan as an alternative to the "defund the police" movement that has emerged from the protests and which he slammed as "radical and dangerous."

"Americans know the truth: Without police there is chaos. Without law there is anarchy and without safety there is catastrophe," he said.

Trump's audience included police officials and members of Congress, and came after he met privately at the White House with the families of men and women who have been killed in interactions with police.

"To all of the hurting families, I want you to know that all Americans mourn by your side," Trump said. "Your loved ones will not have died in vain."

The Rose Garden announcement comes as Senate Republicans are preparing their own package of policing changes following a rollout by Democrats. Sen. Tim Scott of South Carolina, the sole African American Republican in the Senate, has been crafting the GOP legislative package, which will include new restrictions on police chokeholds and greater use of police body cameras, among other provisions.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., has called the effort "a serious proposal to reform law enforcement."

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successfully initiated anti-abortion laws four times previously since 1987.

"The Bureau of Elections found the same severe deficiencies in the Right to Life petitions as our staff and volunteers did, and we hope the Board of Canvassers follows their recommendation and declines to certify," said Angela Vasquez-Giroux, spokeswoman for Planned Parenthood Advocates of Michigan.

Dilation and evacuation has been banned by 12 states. Bans are in effect in two but are permanently or temporarily enjoined in nine states because of legal challenges. North Dakota's law will become effective if a federal appeals court or the U.S. Supreme Court allows its enforcement.

The Michigan initiative has an exception to protect a pregnant woman's life, but would not allow the dilation and evacuation procedure to be used in cases of rape, incest, a severe fetal diagnosis or when the woman faces a non-life-threatening health risk.

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Since April, Dunkley Avenue has remained closed at the intersection of East Wells Street and Dyckman Avenue due to ongoing flooding.

the previous monthly record-high levels set in 1986, according to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

"The pumps can't maintain," Hunter said. "So we came up with another option ... (we) put in a tiger dam system. In addition, put larger flat sand bags across the road." Another pump also was added.

"Once implemented that should keep everything dry," he said.

City officials admit, however, that a long-term solution will have to be sought if the water level on Lake Michigan and the Black River does not decrease some, over the long run.

A month ago, council members voted to spend $19,000 to have the engineering firm of Prein & Newhoff analyze the flooded area and determine the best way to address the problem.

Some neighbors who live along Dunkley think the best long-term solution would be to raise the roadway.

"Dunkley has been dug up twice in the last several years (for infrastructure improvements)," said Alan Silverman, one of the local residents who is part of the condominium association. "Each time the street was lowered somewhat."

Hunter, however, said that when the roadway was replaced, the elevation did not change. And even if the decision were made to raise the roadway, he said doing so would cause issues for the homes themselves.

"You can only raise that elevation so high," Hunter said. "You don't want storm water to go on private property."

Another long-term solution could involve installation of a storm sewer lift station. But that could prove to be quite expensive.

"You're going to have to send someone out there to run it once a month," Hunter said. "It's going to be a complicated design – and costly."

Another issue the city faces with regard to Dunkley Avenue is whether home and business owners in other low-lying areas of the city will request public funds to be used to alleviate flooding issues they deal with.

Council member Steve Schlack pointed out that residents and a marina on North Bailey Avenue near the Black River are contending with similar flooding issues.

"Just down the street there's a boat club with over 250 members dealing with high water over the road. I worry about setting a precedent," Shlack said.

City staff pointed out, however, that the $15,000 the residents along Dunkley are giving to the city, and the $25,000 that neighbors on the north side agreed agreed to chip in to deal with flooding at Ellen Avery Park, are examples of how the city can deal with flooding situations, or other ones that involve maintenance of infrastructure, such as roadways. The money they're giving the city is viewed as something similar to a special assessment.

"For the last 15-20 years special assessment districts have generally focused on sanitary sewer and drinking water," City Manager Brian Dissette told council members. "You are able to assess whatever you think is fair. The amount charged varies."

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Kahlo art show takes on wider scope

With indoor event canceled, city gets creative and moves show 'all over South Haven'

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — When the coronavirus pandemic forced the South Haven Center for the Arts to postpone the national touring exhibition, "Frida Kahlo's Garden," earlier this month, it saddened the arts center staff and board of directors after they had spent many months planning for its arrival.

Yet the disappointment is now turning into enthusiasm. Instead of having an indoor exhibition focusing on the life of the famous Mexican artist, who often drew inspiration for her works from her garden, the art center is transforming Kahlo's exhibition from one held indoors to an outdoor display throughout the community.

"We are bringing 'Frida's Garden' to all over South Haven," explained Art Center Executive Director Kerry Hagy.

The art center has collaborated with local homeowners and businesses to plant and display container gardens that feature the types of plants, flowers and art that Kahlo had in her container gardens.

"The gardens are in blue pots and other containers, similar to Frida's own container garden," Hagy said. "In 20 of the businesses there will be posters and panels that tell part of the story of Frida's life. Visitor's should be able to walk or ride their bike around town and learn all about Frida Kahlo's life and garden. We also have 10 homes in the community who have planted extravagant Frida Kahlo gardens and those will also be listed on the tour." In addition, Liberty Hyde Bailey Museum and the art center will display gardens.

The self-guided tour opened this week and will continue through Aug. 11. Maps and a list of businesses and homes will be available by visiting https://bit.ly/2YFO7Uq

The idea to celebrate the late artist's famous garden and her art came from Frida Kahlo exhibit committee member Michelle Blackmon.

"I'm a pretty good organizer," said Blackmon, who put together the art center's "Art Bikes" exhibit last year.

The closure of businesses downtown due to the governor's stay-at-home order in April and May hampered some of Blackmon's efforts to organize the container garden displays, but she said she kept at it.

"They finally opened up," she said, laughing.

Blackmon wasn't content, however, to just organize the garden exhibit. She also has played a key role in creating a Frida Kahlo garden at the South Haven Community Garden that she helped launch last year in the 400 block of Huron Street, next to the Asylum Inn.

As part of the outdoor Frida Kahlo exhibit, the South Haven Community Garden contains 15 different varieties of plants, herbs and flowers that could be found in Kahlo's garden – which can still be toured at the Frida Kahlo Museum in Mexico City.

Becky Kark / For The Herald-Palladium

Michelle Blackmon of South Haven is shown beginning to paint a large outdoor mural she designed for the South Haven Community Garden, one of 30 gardens that will be part of the outdoor "Frida's Garden" exhibition, honoring the late Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.

"We've got sunflowers, dahlias, Calla lilies," Blackmon said. Many of the plants and flowers for the container gardens around town were donated by North Shore Gardens, while Ace Hardware supplied the blue containers.

The community garden also sports a new outdoor mural depicting a colorful archway. Blackmon designed the archway panel and let people throughout the community paint it.

"It's an interpretation of her (Kahlo's) door leading to her garden," Blackmon said.

Kahlo, who died in 1954, is considered one of the most significant artists of the 20th century, according to the National Endowment for the Humanities, which put together the "Frida Kahlo's Garden" indoor exhibition that the art center had hoped to display.

The self-guided garden tour isn't all the art center is doing to celebrate the life and works of Kahlo.

Panels have been created, featuring Kahlo's works and information about her life, and are on display at various businesses in town. For its part, the art center is putting together an installation that includes a painting of the pyramid in Kahlo's garden. The installation can be viewed by looking into the window on the west side of the museum, 600 Phoenix St.

Photo contributed / National Endowment for the Humanities

A portrait of the late artist Frida Kahlo, who died in 1954.

"Additionally, we are celebrating Friday's birthday with a look-a-like online celebration July 7," Hagy said. A list of other events related to Frida Kahlo can be found on the art center's website, southhavenarts.org.

Even though the indoor exhibition has been postponed, Blackmon thinks promoting the artist's garden and works throughout the community through events such as the garden tour might be even better.

"We missed out on the big exhibition, but more people in the community are getting involved. It might draw more interest than the indoor exhibit would have," she said.

Stevensville to hold village-wide rummage sale June 25-27

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

STEVENSVILLE — Stevensville trustees gave a green light last week to the Village Wide Garage Sale on June 25-27.

Trustees said that since Lincoln Township is allowing residents to hold rummage sales, they could hold theirs.

A post on the township's website states that township residents could start having rummage sales on June 4.

Trustee Pat Arter said during the village meeting that people hosting rummage sales are in charge of making sure they are done safely with social distancing and face masks to minimize the spread of the virus that causes COVID-19.

There is no charge for village residents to join the Village Wide Garage Sale, but they need to contact village staff for permits.

Because the village hall is still closed due to the pandemic, people registering for the event need to call the village at 429-1802, or email village ofstevensville@gmail.com.

The call or email need to include the address and days they will be participating.

Leftover garage sale items can be left on the curb by 7 a.m. June 29 to be picked up as trash.

Prohibited items for garbage pickup include construction debris, electronics, tires, hazardous waste, appliances containing freon, grass clippings and items too heavy for an employee to pick up.

More information can be found on the village's webpage or Facebook page.

In May, trustees voted to suspend all village-sponsored activities and events until further notice to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Trustees also have decided not to hold the July movie night and car show.

President Steve Slavicek said after the meeting that trustees will make a decision on the August movie night in July.

Trustees also approved bringing back to work full-time one of their two Department of Public Works employees. They laid them off in April and brought them back in May on a modified, part-time schedule.

Slavicek said people with questions need to call the village hall rather than asking the DPW workers.

"We want to keep our DPW workers safe," he said after the meeting.

One of the workers said that when people ask him questions while he is working outside, they often don't maintain a safe distance. And since he is alone outside, he doesn't wear a face mask.

Trustees said he should keep a mask handy so that when people don't maintain a proper distance, he can put it on.

In addition, Slavicek said trustees are postponing any capital improvement projects this summer because the state is projecting a 40 percent drop in the amount of revenue sharing municipalities will receive this year, due to the severe economic slowdown.

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IN BRIEF

Berrien County ALPACT to host Floyd conversation

BENTON HARBOR — Berrien County ALPACT and the Interfaith Action Group are hosting a forum on the Death of George Floyd: A Community Conversation at 6 p.m. June 23.

The forum will be held via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Speakers will discuss how Floyd's death on May 25 in Minneapolis is relevant to Berrien County citizens and law enforcement agencies.

ALPACT (Advocates and Leaders for Police and Community Trust) is committed to community well being and to fostering relationships between law enforcement and the community. The Interfaith Action Group is a diverse group of faith-based organizations devoted to social justice.

To register, send your name and email address to alpact southwest@gmail.com.

BH planners to consider medical marijuana permit

BENTON HARBOR — Benton Harbor planning commissioners will hold a public hearing for a medical marijuana dispensary special use permit at 90 W. Main St. at 1 p.m. July 7.

The public hearing will be held virtually if Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's executive orders are extended due to COVID-19.

Written comments can be sent via email to kthompson@cityofbentonharbormi.gov, or delivered to the drop box in front of city hall at 200 E. Wall St. The deadline for submission is 5 p.m. July 6.

More information can be found at www.bhcity.us.

BH city commissioners to hold public hearing on budget

BENTON HARBOR — A public hearing on Benton Harbor's budget for the 2020-21 fiscal year will be at 7 p.m. June 24 during a special city commission meeting.

The meeting will include a budget summary, millage rate request for the 2020-21 fiscal year and recommended budget amendments for the current fiscal year, which ends June 30.

Meeting instructions and a copy of the budget will be on the city's website before the meeting at www.bhcity.us.

Benton Twp. seeks state funds for water, sewer projects

Major renovations planned through 2025

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Benton Township formally began its efforts Tuesday to seek money from the state revolving fund for several big projects through its water and sewer systems.

At Tuesday's board meeting, trustees held public hearings for the township's Drinking Water Project Plan and its Clean Water Project Plan and went over some of the areas that would be addressed.

Steve Oosting, senior engineer with Prein & Newhof, said the project plans are required documents that are submitted to the state to use as a basis for the application process.

Oosting gave presentations during the public hearings that covered several needs that his firm identified within the township's current water and sewer systems that would be laid out in the two project plans.

Among the problems that would be addressed within the water system – under the Drinking Water Project Plan – included oversized water tanks, water treatment capacity, dead end water main lines, aging water mains and more than 1,000 lines that are considered to be comprised of "undocumented pipe materials."

According to the project plan, these problem areas that would be addressed over the next few years would cost more than $28 million.

"Benton Township is considered a disadvantaged community under the SRF program. As a disadvantaged community, the township could be offered 40-year loan terms for financing water projects with the possibility of principal forgiveness," Oosting said. "The project plan that's been developed covers a three-year period with two separate loans."

The first group of water projects is planned for a 2021 fiscal year loan. Oosting said the estimated cost to the typical user would be $2.70 per month. The second group of water projects is planned for a 2023 fiscal year loan. Oosting said it would cost the typical user about $5.05 per month.

Among the problems that would be addressed within the sewer system under the Clean Water Project Plan included structural defects in the sewers, deficient sewer capacity, unusual layout of sewers for certain service areas, and lift station consolidation.

According to the project plan, these problem areas that would be addressed over the next few years would cost more than $20 million.

The first group of sewer projects is planned for a 2021 fiscal year loan. Oosting said the estimated cost to the typical user would be 78 cents per month. The second group of sewer projects is planned for a 2022 fiscal year loan. Oosting said it would cost the typical user about $6.43 per month.

Oosting said the state will review the plans to see if each project is eligible for funding. Some of them might not be determined eligible. If certain ones are not, the rest of the projects included on the plan could still be funded.

Oosting said the plans will be sent for review by the end of the month. He said the township can expect a response from the state within the next couple months.

The state revolving fund issues low-interest loans at below-market rates to municipalities.

The submission of the project plans come after the township hired Prein & Newhof to complete a water and sewer system reliability study.

The study included an analysis and set of recommendations the township can make over time in terms of capital improvements to keep the water and sewer systems in good health.

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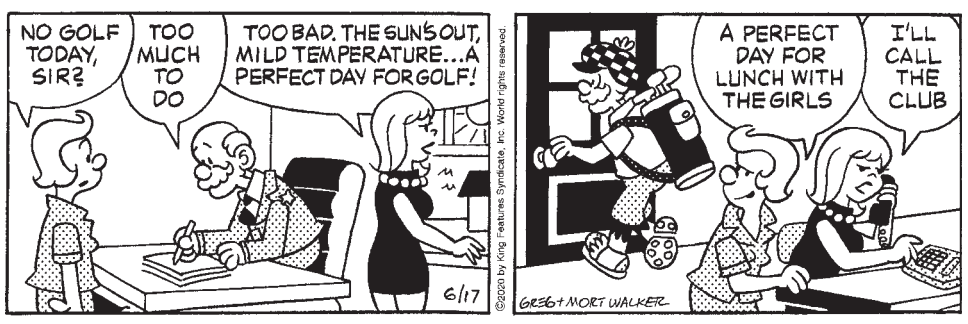
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TOO MUCH TO DO
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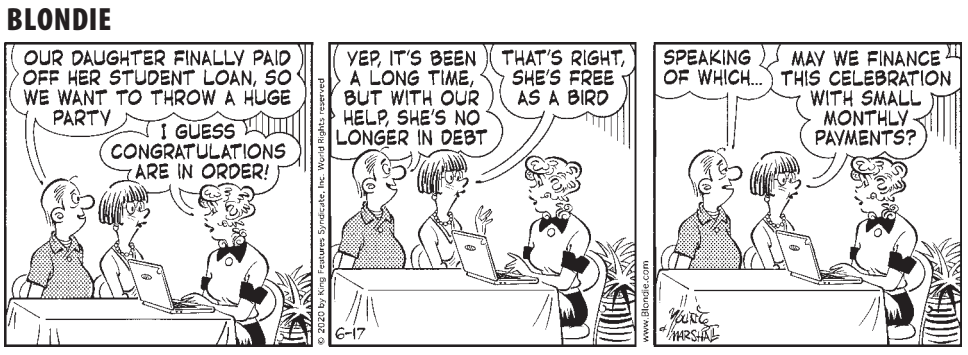
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THAT'S RIGHT, SHE'S FREE AS A BIRD
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MAY WE FINANCE THIS CELEBRATION WITH SMALL MONTHLY PAYMENTS?
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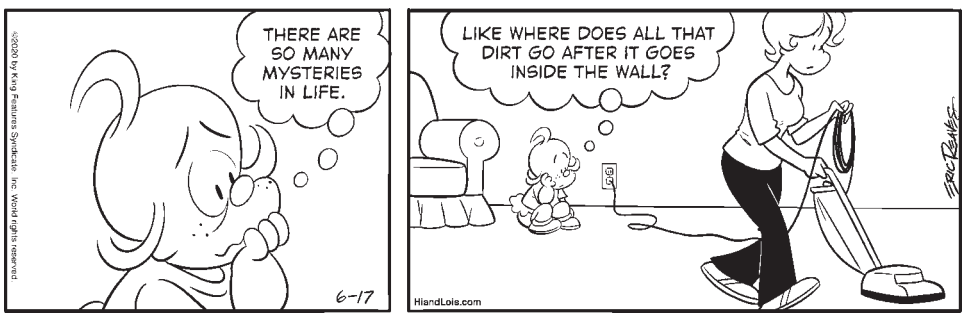
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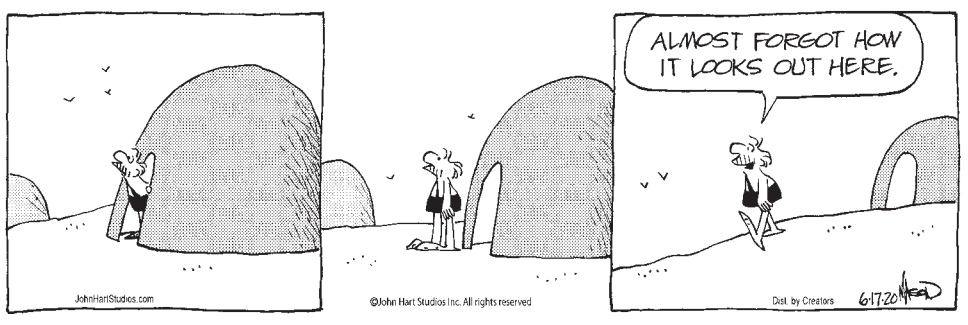

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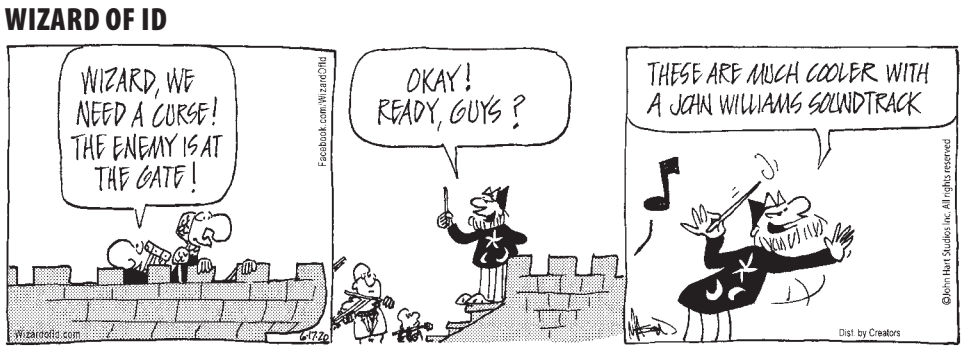
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OKAY! READY, GUYS ?
Wizardofid.com
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THESE ARE MUCH COOLER WITH A JOHN WILLIAMS SOUNDTRACK
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DILBERT

I HEAR YOU WERE BEING SARCASTIC ABOUT SAFETY.
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OBVIOUSLY, YOU DON'T TAKE SAFETY SERIOUSLY, SO I HAVE TO SEND YOU TO A SAFETY RE-EDUCATION CAMP FOR A WEEK.
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THAT WILL TOTALLY FIX THIS PROBLEM.
YOU JUST BOUGHT YOURSELF AN EXTRA WEEK.

GARFIELD

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ZING!
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LOOK, IT'S HAPPENING WHETHER YOU LIKE IT OR NOT!
Happy B-
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FORT KNOX

DID YOU SEE BETTY WU'S HAIRCUT, WES??
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AND I'M IN LOVE WITH HER MORE THAN EVER.
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HOW IS THAT EVEN POSSIBLE?!?
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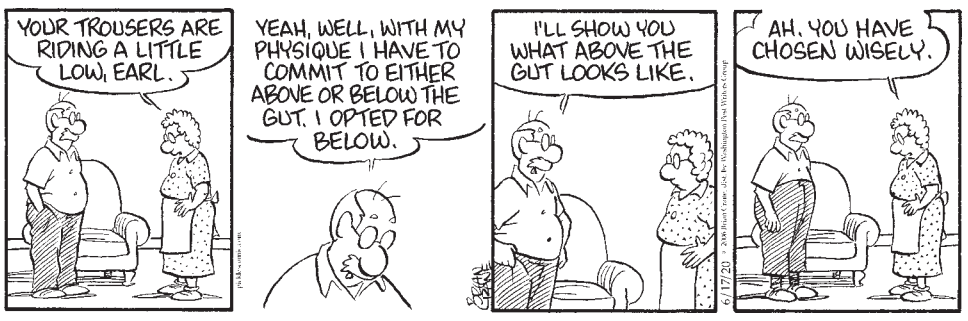
PICKLES


YOUR TROUSERS ARE RIDING A LITTLE LOW, EARL.
YEAH, WELL, WITH MY PHYSIQUE I HAVE TO COMMIT TO EITHER ABOVE OR BELOW THE GUT. I OPTED FOR BELOW.
I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT ABOVE THE GUT LOOKS LIKE.
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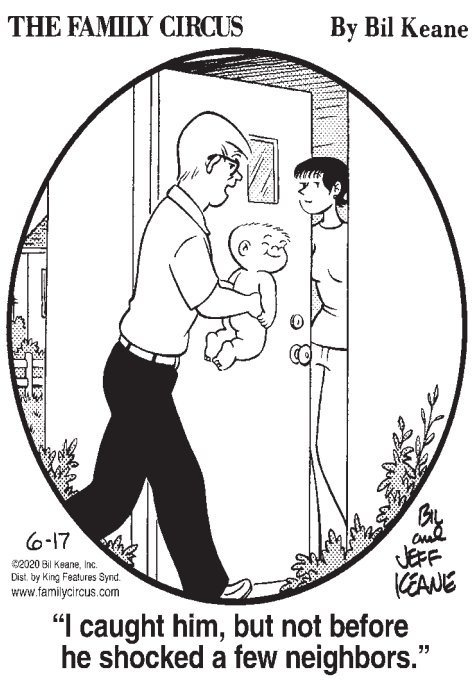
AH. YOU HAVE CHOSEN WISELY.

FAMILY CIRCUS


THE FAMILY CIRCUS
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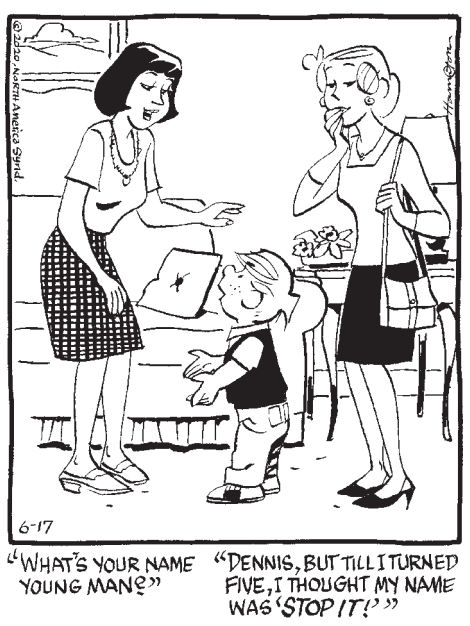
BIL and JEFF KEANE
"I caught him, but not before he shocked a few neighbors."

DENNIS THE MENACE



BABY BLUES

IT MUST BE TOUGH FOR YOU WITH THE KIDS AT HOME ALL THE TIME.
WELL, AT FIRST THINGS WERE PRETTY STRESSFUL...
AND NOW?
LET'S JUST SAY THAT I THINK OF THOSE FIRST FEW WEEKS AS "THE GOOD OLD DAYS."
babyblues.com
KIRKMAN & SCOTT

CURTIS

MRS. NELSON MRS. NELSON, DO COME IN! HAVE A SEAT!
WHEN I HEARD COV-19 WAYLAID AND PUT YA IN THE HOSPITAL, I WAS SAD AND WORRIED!
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SEEING YOU UP AND WALKIN' 'BOUT FILLS ME WITH A LEVEL OF JOY I CAN'T DESCRIBE
IT'S LIKE ONE UNDER FINDING MONEY IN A COAT YOU WORE LAST YEAR!

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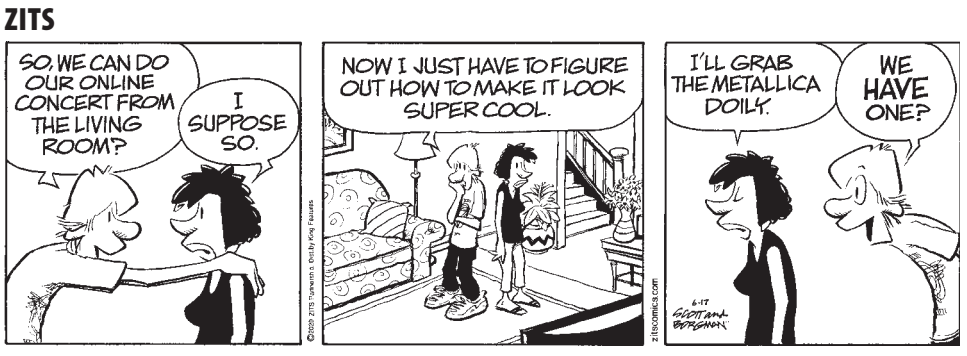
SO, WE CAN DO OUR ONLINE CONCERT FROM THE LIVING ROOM?
I SUPPOSE SO.
NOW I JUST HAVE TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO MAKE IT LOOK SUPER COOL.
I'LL GRAB THE METALLICA DOILY.
WE HAVE ONE?
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GLOTTMAN BORGMAN
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE

MEN, WE'LL ENTER THE FRONT DOOR... FIGHT... PRETEND TO RETREAT... THEN SNEAK THROUGH THE BACK DOOR!
GENIUS STRATEGY!
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I LEARNED IT AT HOME
BROOME

MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

DOG PARK
IT'S SO MUCH HARDER FOR ME TO SOCIAL-DISTANCE M4SELF
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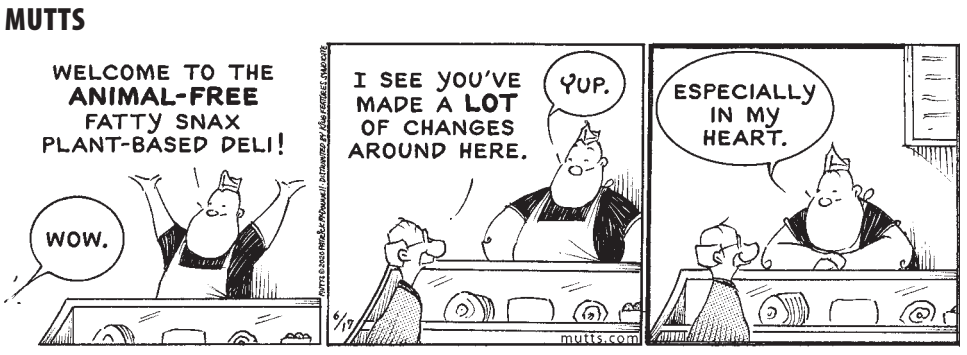

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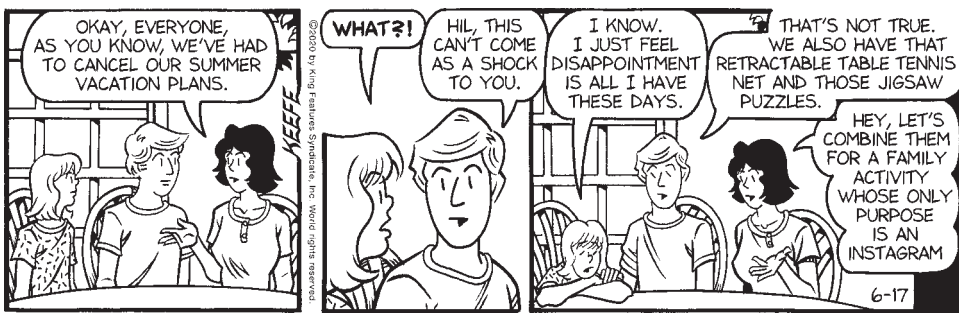
OKAY, EVERYONE, AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD TO CANCEL OUR SUMMER VACATION PLANS.
KEEFE
WHAT?!
HM, THIS CAN'T COME AS A SHOCK TO YOU.
I KNOW. I JUST FEEL DISAPPOINTMENT IS ALL I HAVE THESE DAYS.
THAT'S NOT TRUE. WE ALSO HAVE THAT RETRACTABLE TABLE TENNIS NET AND THOSE JIGSAW PUZZLES.
HEY, LET'S COMBINE THEM FOR A FAMILY ACTIVITY WHOSE ONLY PURPOSE IS AN INSTAGRAM
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ST. JOSEPH HERALD-PRESS
WAR DECLARED!
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The Herald-Palladium
Terrorists strik
Washington, NY
Pentagon also hit by hijacked airplane, and another plane crashes in Pennsylvania

PRIME TIME TV

WEDNESDAY EVENING JUNE 17

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	★★★ Toy Story 3 ('10, Children's) Voices of Tom Hanks, Tim Allen. CC				Marvel's Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (N)	
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	Game On! (N) CC		SEAL Team "The Strength of the Wolf"		S.W.A.T. "Hotel L.A." CC	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Chicago Med CC (DVS)		Chicago Fire "Seeing Is Believing"		Chicago P.D. "Informant"	
FOX 17 22 28 32	Modern Family	MasterChef "10th Season Pool Party!"		Ultimate Tag "Breaking All Records" (N)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Outdoor Elements	Spy in the Wild: A Nature Miniseries		NOVA The mysteries of Earth's birth.		Prehistoric Road Trip (Series (P)) (N)	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	The 100 "Welcome to Bardo" (N) CC		Bulletproof "Episode 2" (N) CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Outrage" CC (DVS)		Dateline "A Teacher's Message"		Dateline "Mystery in Orange County"	
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	The 100 "Welcome to Bardo" (N) CC		Bulletproof "Episode 2" (N) CC		2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Picking up the Pieces"		Highway to Heaven CC		Nightly News	
WGN 9	News	black-ish	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 A teenager is gunned down.		The First 48 "1,000 Cuts; Draw" CC		The First 48 CC	
AMC	Dark Knight	★★★ Taken ('08, Action) Liam Neeson, Maggie Grace, Famke Janssen. CC				★★ Man on Fire ('04) CC	
Animal	North-	North Woods Law		North Wo. Law		Homestead Rescue	
BET	I Can Do Bad All By Myself			T. Perry's The Oval		American Soul (N)	
Big Ten	B1G	Nebraska		Big Ten Elite CC		Nebraska	
Bravo	Housewives	Real Housewives/ Beverly		Real Housewives/ Beverly		Watch What	Cash Cab (N) CC
Cartoon	We Bare	American	American	American	Rick	Burgers	Burgers
Cinemax	Pathfinder ('07)	★★★★ Five Fingers ('06) Laurence Fishburne. CC			★★ Reclaim ('14) John Cusack, Ryan Phillippe. CC		
CMT	Last Man	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Special	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank		Jay Leno's Garage	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	:45 South Park		South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk
Discovery	Expedition	Expedition Unknown (N) CC		Expedition Unknown CC		:08 Mysteries of the Deep CC	
Disney	Big City	Big City	Amphibia	Owl Hse.	Gabby	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Maine	Holmes Makes		Holmes Makes		Holmes Makes	
E!	:00 ★ Coyote Ugly ('00)			:15 ★ Coyote Ugly ('00) CC			
ESPN	30 for 30	ESPN Documentaries		ESPN Original Documentaries			
ESPN2	6:00 NBA2K League The Tipoff Tournament, Day 2. (N)						
ESPNC	Football	College Football				College Football	
Food	Grocery	Guy's Games		Guy's Games		Guy's Games	
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	Spotlight	Detroit Tigers Classics				Behind	Warriors
Freefrm	Twilight: Extended	★★ The Twilight Saga: New Moon ('09) Kristen Stewart. Bella finds herself drawn into the world of werewolves. CC					
FX	Life of Pets	★★★ Sing ('16, Children's) Voices of Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon. CC					★ Sing ('16) CC
Golf	PGA	U.S. Open		Golf's Greatest Rounds CC			
Hallmark	My Wedding	Love, Romance & Chocolate ('19, Romance) Lacey Chabert, Will Kemp. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	I Know This	I Know This Much Is True Dominick seeks reconciliation. CC			:20 ★★ The Good Liar ('19) Helen Mirren. CC		
History	Forged	Forged in Fire: Beat		Forged in Fire: Beat		:03 Counting Cars	
HGTV	Property	Property Brothers (N)		Property Brothers		House	House
Learning	My 600-	My 600-Lb. Life Brandon is a musician.				1000-Lb. Sisters	
Lifetime	Married-Sight	Married at First Sight (N) CC		Married at First Sight (N) CC		:03 Married at First Sight (N) CC	
MSNBC	Decision	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Ridic.	The Challenge (N) CC			Double Shot at Love		Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Chicago Blackhawks Classics Game 4. From April 21, 2015. (N)					
NFL	NFL Total	A Football Life		A Football Life		A Football Life	
Nick	Sponge.	Dylan	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	To Catch	To Catch a Smuggler		To Catch a Smug		Drug Lords: Next	
Oxygen	:00 Killer Couples	Killer Couples CC		Killer Couples CC		Killer Couples CC	
Parmt	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Yellowstone CC		Yellowstone CC	
Showtime	5:50 Ghost	The Affair "109" CC		Couples Therapy	Official Secrets ('19) Keira Knightley, Matt Smith. CC		
Starz	6:58 ★★ Tears of the Sun ('03) Bruce Willis. CC			:01 ★★★ (500) Days of Summer ('09) CC			Beautiful Day
STZENC	:27 ★★★ Don Jon's Addiction ('13, Comedy-Drama) CC			★★★ Saturday Night Fever ('77) John Travolta, Karen Lynn Gorney. CC			
SyFy	6:30 Underworld: Blood Wars			★★★ Captain America: Civil War ('16, Action) Chris Evans. Captain America clashes with Iron Man.			
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal
TCM	My Favorite Wife	★★★ Tarzan, the Ape Man ('32, Adventure) Johnny Weissmuller. CC (DVS)				★★★ Blue Hawaii ('62) CC	
TMC	6:15 Adrift	★★★ Bridget Jones's Diary ('01) Renée Zellweger. CC			:40 ★★ Failure to Launch ('06) Matthew McConaughey.		
TNT	★★★ It	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				London Has Fallen	
Travel	Loch	Expedition Bigfoot (N) CC				Bigfoot is Real (N)	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	:00 NCIS	WWE NXT (N) (L) CC				★ Gone in Sixty Seconds ('00)	
VH1	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out	Wild/Out
WGN-A	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With	Married ... With

Pulse oximetry measures oxygen saturation in blood

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

DEAR DOCTOR: What is "pulse ox"? My sister keeps telling our mom and dad (they're 74 and 77) that they should be keeping keep track of it, especially right now. She hasn't been too good at explaining why, or even what it does, though. Can you help?

DEAR READER: The term "pulse ox" is short for pulse oximetry. It's a simple, painless and noninvasive test that measures the oxygen saturation of your blood. More specifically, it reveals how much of the hemoglobin in the blood is carrying oxygen to all of the tissues of the body.

Oxygen saturation is measured with a small clip-on device that looks a bit like a short, chubby clothespin. Known as a pulse oximeter, it has a hinge on one end that allows it to open and gently attach to a part of the body that's translucent enough to let light pass through. Typically it's a fingertip, but it may also be an earlobe or even a toe.

The device is equipped on one side with light-emitting diodes, which send out two different types of light, red and infrared. On the other side is a sensor, which measures how much of each type of light has traveled through the tissue. Hemoglobin that is carrying oxygen will allow more red light to pass through. When hemoglobin isn't carrying oxygen, it allows more infrared light to pass through. The sensor measures this and comes up with a percentage to express blood oxygenation. Readings that range from 95 percent to 100 percent are considered normal. Blood oxygenation below 90 percent is considered low.

Oxygen saturation is a metric of good health, and pulse oximetry has a number of applications. It's used to identify and monitor respiratory conditions and disorders, to evaluate how well someone handles increased activity levels and to assess the health of people with conditions that affect blood oxygen levels, such as heart attack, congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), asthma and anemia, to name just a few.

Recently – and perhaps this has played a role in your sister's advice to your parents – new information about COVID-19 pneumonia has pushed pulse oximetry into the news. Instead of being alerted to the onset of pneumonia through symptoms like chest discomfort and painful and labored breathing, a number of COVID-19 patients are experiencing a silent onset of the disease. Even with oxygen saturation levels of 80 percent and lower, they aren't in physical distress. What has become clear is that by the time breathing problems do show up, these patients are often in critical condition. As with so much about COVID-19, the reason for this silent onset is not yet understood.

Some physicians working with coronavirus patients are now suggesting that people with seemingly mild cases of the illness monitor their oxygen saturation levels in order to seek treatment as soon as oxygen levels begin to drop. But the accuracy of oxygen saturation readings depends on the device and on proper technique. Depending on the error, this can cause undue alarm or a false sense of security.

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My in-laws don't treat me like family

Carolyn Hax

DEAR CAROLYN: I have been married for 30 years to a guy whose family does not consider anyone outside the immediate family as family, we – spouses, significant others – are asked to step aside for "family" photos, and these photos are all over his mom's house reminding me I am not part of his family. Hubby has recently started a texting group with the "family," sharing photos, celebrating milestones, etc., and I am not included.

Other than our kids, I do not have my own family. I don't want to be part of a group that doesn't want me, but still feel sad. Your thoughts? – Not Family

NOT FAMILY: My thoughts are along two lines.

The first is sympathetic. I am sorry your husband's family hasn't folded you into its ranks. I am sorry, too, that you don't have your own tribe to give you this sense of connection.

I won't join you in condemning wholesale the family-only text chain or photograph – I've been in a few myself, and excluded from a few, and it seems OK by me to acknowledge *occasionally* the pack that grew up together. It is a shared history that warrants its own attention. Again: sometimes. Plus, it's quite clear this isn't personal, applying generally to all the family's partners.

But I will ache with you that you're *always* on the outside. That his mom chooses to display only the immediate-family photos makes a persuasive case – in one fact alone – that she's ground zero for the toxic exclusion you feel.

The other line of my thoughts can be described in two words: Thirty. Years.

That span can cover the painful discovery years, the try-everything-to-fix-it years, the anger years, the giving up point where you realize nothing you do to reposition yourself will get you out of your mother-in-law's blind spot, and the years after that where you work to build your own kind of family with people who are attentive to you – and still have some years left over at the end.

So now I've got questions for you that I hope you will ask yourself: Why is this wound still so fresh? And what do you think you need to heal it?

Don't make "inclusion" your answer, though. That's in his family's control, not yours, and 30 years of letting them hold the reins on your feelings is enough.

Maybe try this for an answer instead: kindly, openly appealing to your mother-in-law, if you haven't tried that yet.

There's something else worth your focus, which you merely graze: your husband, who "recently started a texting group with the 'family.'" Where is he on this? Maybe he shares the family blind spot, or has tried to take up your cause over the decades and since declared it futile? But it seems so simple to ask him to include you in the text group that I hope you did so. Immediately and without fanfare.

Within these three points lies a rational strategy: Ask for what you want, kindly and plainly; don't live and die (emotionally speaking) on whether you get these things; and invest most of your energy in people who welcome it. They're your tribe.

This strategy is hard emotional work that gets easier with time: Take what you can get, then go get what you need.

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48 Boiling mad (hyph.)
51 Hooky player
55 Canal city
56 Pulled down
57 Trousers
58 Uses a dirk

DOWN
1 Throw slowly
2 Zamboni's place
3 Badminton need
4 "Instant —!"
5 Hidden obstacle
6 Brooded
7 WWW addresses
8 Snoozes
9 Campground org.
10 Overhead railways
11 Golf peg
13 Icon
19 Energized
20 Long way around
22 Sharpshooter Annie —
24 Naval officer
25 Dendrite's place
26 Deli breads
27 Some queens
28 Lobster eaters' need
29 Ticket info
34 Fortune-teller
36 Form a thought
42 Memory units
43 Hoopster's venue
45 Boulder
47 Pate de foie —
48 Motor homes
49 Sushi morsel
50 Chromosome material
52 "Wheel" buy (2 wds.)
53 Cornhusker st.
54 NFL scores

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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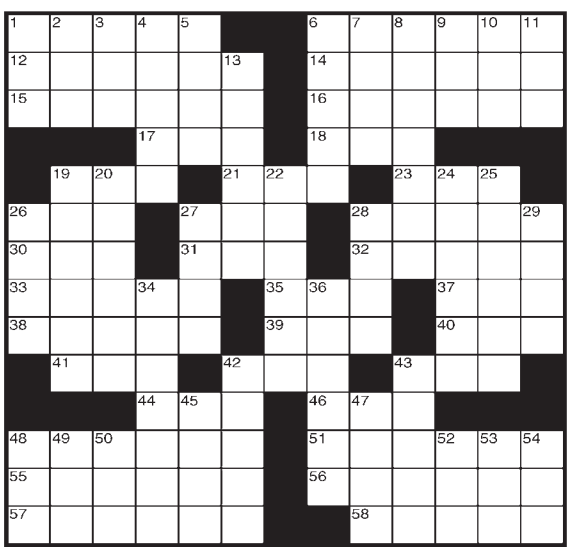

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

BAITI

LUDWO

SOUMTT

PHREPO

What is all this? You need to deal with this mess right now!
Yes, dear.
THE ATTIC WAS BECOMING CLUTTERED, AND HIS WIFE WAS NO LONGER GOING TO ---

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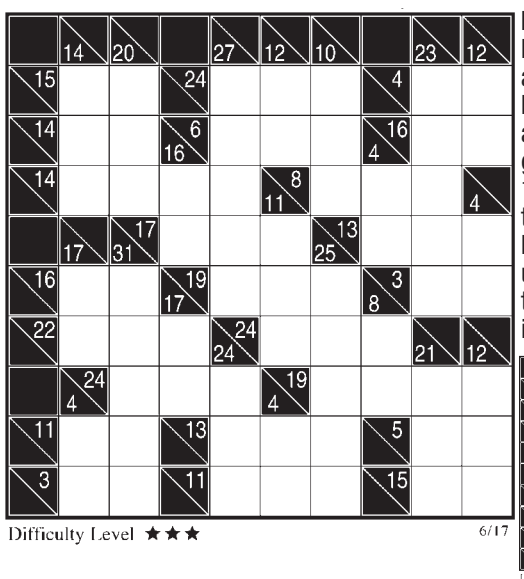
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

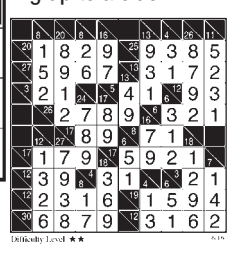
Yesterday's Jumbles: SUEDE BLISS FELINE SHROUD
Answer: When she saw that the brand-new mirror was cracked, she was — BESIDE HERSELF

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★ 6/17

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★ 6/17

BRIDGE

Barbara G. Harris said, "An autobiography is a pre-emptive strike against biographers."

Bridge players love to make a pre-emptive bid because it often strikes uncertainty into the minds of the opponents. But sometimes, when partner has a good hand, it can derail the pre-emptor's side – as I described yesterday.

This deal was in Andy Robson's excellent column in The Times newspaper. To make South the declarer today, the deal has been rotated by 180 degrees.

At the first table in a team match, North opened three clubs and went down one after East found the amazing heart-queen lead.

The auction at the second table is given. North sensibly passed as dealer. The rest of the auction was natural, except that North's three-club advance indicated some tolerance for spades. (If he just had a long, strong club suit, he would have bid it on the first round.) Then South, anticipating that East would have the heart ace, made an excellent four-spade rebid.

What should West have led?

On autopilot, West chose the heart two. East won with his ace and shifted to the spade jack, but it was too late. South won with dummy's queen, played a heart to his king and ruffed his last heart on the board. Back to hand with a diamond, declarer drew trumps and claimed. He lost only one heart and two diamonds.

West was left to rue his lack of a spade lead, which would have stopped the heart ruff and killed the contract.

North 06-17-20
♠ Q 3
♥ 10 5
♦ J 4
♣ A 8 7 6 5 3 2

West
♠ 9 7 5
♥ J 8 2
♦ Q 6 5 2
♣ Q J 9

East
♠ J 8
♥ A Q 9 6 4
♦ K 9 8 3
♣ K 4

South
♠ A K 10 6 4 2
♥ K 7 3
♦ A 10 7
♣ 10

Dealer: North
Vulnerable: North-South

South	West	North	East
		Pass	1♥
1♠	2♥	3♣	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: ??

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

		8	5		7		1	
				3				
		4			8	5	9	
4		6		7			2	
8		3		5		1		6
	7			1		8		9
	5	9	3			4		
				9				
	8		2		4	9		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

9	5	3	4	1	2	8	7	6
6	7	1	3	8	5	2	9	4
8	2	4	6	7	9	5	3	1
4	6	7	2	3	1	9	8	5
5	3	2	9	6	8	4	1	7
1	8	9	5	4	7	6	2	3
3	1	6	8	9	4	7	5	2
7	9	5	1	2	6	3	4	8
2	4	8	7	5	3	1	6	9

Cutting boards, chai tea, vegetable recipes and more

Jane Ammeson

Food safety is always important, but even more so now when we're all trying to stay healthy in the face of COVID-19.

Last Christmas, my friend, Laloni Parks, gave me a Fab Slab, a beautiful cutting board made from the camphor laurel tree that grows in Australia. It's so pretty that I haven't used it as a cutting board. Instead, I've served cheeses, crackers and more on it.

Laloni told me it's a cutting board as well as a serving platter, but even better, it's environmentally friendly and permanently antibacterial.

Now, I really like Laloni, but I still had to check it out. I mean, how can wood be antibacterial?

It turns out, according to the U.S. National Library of Medicine at the National Institutes of Health, camphor laurel wood exhibits a number of biological properties – such as antimicrobial, antiviral, anticoccidial, antinociceptive, anticancer and antitussive activities. Some of those I had to look up, but they're good things when it comes to safety.

I also learned that plastic is less safe because cutting on plastic leaves grooves where bacteria can hide.

After learning all this, I decided I should use my Fab Slab for cutting. It's so pretty, but I'd hate to get sick and have people say, "She had a safe cutting board, but she didn't want to use it because it looked so nice."

Photo provided

While beautiful to look at, Fab Slab cutting boards are antibacterial, too.

Tea for two

My mom and I always liked to cook, and we liked having a cup of tea together, too. She liked Lapsang souchong, a smoked tea from China. I liked Constant Comment.

My mom and I agreed on tea, but she hated tea bags, saying they ruined the taste. She'd make tea from loose leaves that she steeped and strained from a family teapot. For her, tea in bags was the equivalent to cake mixes rather than scratch.

When I went away to college, I rebelled, buying tea in bags. It didn't taste that much different, and it was so much easier when I was living in a dorm room.

Lately, I've been into chai, a tea made with spices, milk and typically a sweetener. If you make it from scratch, it takes a lot of time. You could spend up to an hour grinding spices and pressing ginger.

But when I buy tea bags of chai, I can almost feel my mother's disapproval. As I grow older, the more I find I want to please her, and she's been dead for more than a decade. But I still think of her daily. And when in crisis, I often ask myself "What would mom do?" as a way to guide me.

In this case, she would probably buy a product like Blue Lotus Chai, which meets my requirement of quick and easy and hers, because there are no tea bags involved.

There are six packets in their Masala Chai Collection: Traditional, Golden, Star Anise, Roobos, Mint and Mandarin. To make it, you just heat up milk and water, add 1/4 teaspoon tea, and voila, you have organic chai that my mother would approve of. It would be nice if she were here so we could share a cup or two.

More on the Cooking School

Last week, I wrote about The Herald-Press/Theisen Tire Co. Cooking School, and asked if anyone had any background on it. In answer, Mike Eliasohn, a former staff writer at The Herald-Palladium, sent me an email.

"Hopefully, you got the correct answer from someone who knows, but if not, I suspect the answer to your question of why would Theisen Tire sponsor a cooking school is that the Theisen store sold appliances," he wrote. "In addition to tires and other items, I have a vague recollection that back in the days when many towns had Firestone and Goodyear and Western Auto stores, in addition to tires for cars, trucks and bicycles, they sold various merchandise, including home appliances. So perhaps a locally-owned tire store did the same. An alternative theory would be that someone at Theisen Tire thought it would be good business to sponsor the cooking school, so that the housewives who attended, next time the family car needed tires, would encourage their husbands to buy them at Theisen Tire."

Interesting. Imagine walking into your dealership to get your car serviced and spending the time while waiting looking at the latest appliances.

Both of Mike's scenarios make sense to me, but I'm going to keep sleuthing, as I'd love to find some of the recipes that were taught at the cooking school. So it's back to the archives for me.

Berens not a James Beard Award winner

Recently, I mentioned that Abra Berens, chef at Granor Farm in Three Oaks, was a semifinalist for the James Beard Award for Best Chef in the Great Lakes Region, and her cookbook, "Ruffage: A Practical Guide to Vegetables," was a finalist – one of only five for that high honor.

Unfortunately, she didn't win, but to make it on the list of nominees for both categories was amazing.

I talked to Abra about her interest in vegetables, and she said one of her inspirations for the book was horrible memories of stringy, soggy vegetables from her youth. She shared some recipes for vegetables coming into season.

Roasted Radishes with Their Greens and White Wine

2 bunches radishes (about 2 pounds) with bright green leaves
Neutral oil
Salt
3/4 cup white wine
2 tablespoons butter

Wash and dry the radishes and greens very well. The wetter they are, the more they will spit in the pan. Cut the radishes in half or into wedges.

Heat a large frying pan, and a glug of neutral oil, over high heat until smoking. Add the cut radishes and a big pinch of salt. Let them brown, undisturbed. When the radishes have a lovely brown crust, stir and let the other sides brown.

When both sides are well caramelized, add the wine and let it reduce by half. Add the radish greens and toss to wilt. Add the butter and a big pinch of salt, toss to coat, and serve immediately.

Corn Kernel Salad with Soybeans, Cherry Tomatoes and Basil

Neutral oil
4 ears sweet corn, shucked, kernels cut off
Salt and pepper
1 small red onion or shallot, or any onion you have, including scallion, sliced
3 garlic cloves, minced
1 cup white wine
8 ounces soybeans, preferably fresh or frozen (don't use dried)
1 pint cherry tomatoes, halved
2 tablespoons butter
3 sprigs basil
Dollops of sour cream

Heat a glug of neutral oil in a large frying pan over high heat until shimmering.

Add the corn and pinches of salt and pepper. Allow to brown without stirring, about 7 minutes – stir too much and it won't caramelize. When lightly browned, give a good flip or stir to cook the other side, about 7 minutes. Transfer the corn to a bowl.

Add another glug of oil to the pan, and sweat the onion and garlic until tender, about 7 minutes. Add the wine and reduce by half.

Add the soybeans, and allow to steam in the residual wine until the beans are bright green and the wine is fully reduced, about 5 minutes. Add the tomatoes to the soybeans. Add the butter, and let it melt and make everything glossy.

Combine with the corn. Taste and adjust the seasoning.

Tear the basil leaves over the whole lot and garnish with the sour cream. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Variation with roasted eggplant, mint and feta:

1 eggplant, roasted
4 ounces feta, crumbled
8 mint sprigs, leaves torn

Toss together the corn and eggplant. Garnish with the feta and torn mint leaves. A drizzle of chili oil (recipe below) would not be out of place on this salad.

Variation with shaved zucchini, dill and sour cream:

2 medium zucchini, shaved
8 sprigs dill, chopped
Olive oil
Salt
1/4 cup sour cream

Toss the roasted corn with the shaved zucchini, chopped dill, a glug of olive oil and a pinch of salt until coated. Taste and adjust the seasoning. Garnish by dotting the sour cream over the whole salad.

Chili Oil

2 cups neutral oil
1/4 cup chili flakes (crushed red pepper)
1/2 teaspoon Chinese five spice
2 pasilla peppers

Heat a frying pan, and toast the chili flakes and pasilla peppers. Remove from the heat and add the five spice and oil to cool the pan.

Allow to steep for 10 minutes, then pour into a jar.

Keeps on the counter for months at a time.

Creamy Chia Chai

Makes 1 serving.

8 ounces coconut creamer, or milk
1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon Blue Lotus Chai powder
1 tablespoon coconut sugar, or sweetener of choice
1/2 teaspoon chia seeds
1 tablespoon hot water (enough to dissolve chai powder and sweetener)
Ice cubes

In a measuring cup, dissolve Blue Lotus Chai powder and sweetener in hot water, and stir.

Add it, along with milk of choice and ice cubes, into a blender. Blend until ice is well crushed and milk is frothy.

Add chia seeds, stir and let sit for a few minutes. Pour into a glass, and enjoy.

Note: You can add the chia seeds to the dissolved mixture before adding milk and mixing them in the blender. This adds to the creaminess, with no crunch and chew from the seeds.

– Recipe by Sydney L. Simon

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Benton Harbor Area Schools
Notice of a Public Hearing
On Proposed 2020-2021 Budget

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on Tuesday, June 23, 2020 at 5:30 pm., the Board of Education of Benton Harbor Area Schools will hold a **virtual** public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2020-2021 budget. Please click the link below to join the webinar:

Meeting ID:
meet.google.com/xdi-bzis-pzg
Phone Number:
(US)+1 475-522-0313
PIN: 651 693 584#

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2020-2021 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budget will be available for public inspection beginning at 8:00 a.m., on Tuesday, June 23, 2020, at the Business Office, Benton Harbor Area Schools, 870 Coflax Avenue, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

The proposed 2020-2021 budget for Benton Harbor Area Schools will be a subject of this hearing. This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Dashuna Robinson, Secretary

SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 29, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., the Board of Education of St. Joseph Public Schools, 3275 Lincoln Avenue, St. Joseph, Michigan, will hold a public hearing to consider the District's proposed 2019-2020 budget. Due to the State's Stay Home, Stay Safe Executive Orders, this meeting will be held virtually, using the following access information:

Tel. 786-886-2213
PIN: 181 213 544#

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2020-2021 budget until after the public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2020-2021 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, will be available on our website www.sjschools.org

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

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Amy Marohn, Secretary

LEGALS

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF BERRIEN

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Decedent's Estate

FILE NO.
2019-0402-DG-M

Estate of Evelyn J. Bowerman
Date of birth: 7/5/1929

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Evelyn J. Bowerman, died 9/18/2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to W. Brendan Neal, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph and the personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: 6/11/20

Personal Representative:
W. Brendan Neal
511 Renaissance Drive, Suite 110
St. Joseph, MI 49085
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Employment info at:
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Deadline: Until Filled

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BENTON HARBOR

This notice is hereby being given to the City of Benton Harbor that a Public Hearing is scheduled for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget. The following will be presented:

- A brief and concise budget summary;
- Millage rate request for 2020-2021; and
- Recommended budget amendments for the 2019-2020 budget.

"The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing."

The budget hearing will be held virtually at 7:00 PM on June 24, 2020 during a Special City Commission meeting. Meeting instructions and a copy of the budget will be made available on the city's website @www.bhcity.us.

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All interested parties are urged to attend.

Kimberly Thompson, City Clerk
June 16, 2020

MEDICAL/DENTAL

Public Health Nurse

LaPorte County Health Department is currently seeking a Public Health Nurse.

Qualified applicants must have an Associates in Nursing from an accredited school. Bachelor's Degree preferred.

Applicants should also possess licensure as a Registered Nurse in the State of Indiana.

For consideration, please submit a complete county employment application available at www.laporteco.in.gov.

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GENERAL HELP

Job Postings
Michigan City Housing Authority

3 – Full-time Temporary
& 2 - Part-time Temporary Maintenance Positions

The full-time maintenance positions require at least 1 to 1 1/2 years of verifiable experience in maintenance work.

1. Plumbing
2. Electrical
3. Painting
4. Heating/Air Conditioning/Refrigeration
5. Equipment Maintenance
6. Grounds Keeping
7. Unit Rehabilitation/ Securing of Vacant Units
8. General Floor Care

These positions require a valid Indiana Driver's License and insurability by company fleet insurance.

Ability to read labels, warnings and written instructions as well as carry out verbal orders. Must be able to properly fill out required forms, and work with minimum supervision.

Applications will be taken through July 8, 2020 and can be picked up at our Maintenance Building located at 1007 E. 8th Street, Monday-Thursday from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

GENERAL HELP

Securing of Vacant Units

The part-time positions are entry level that require at least six (6) months verifiable experience in any three (3) of the following trades:

1. Painting
2. Equipment Maintenance Care
3. Grounds Keeping
4. Minor Plumbing
5. Minor Electrical
6. Appliance Cleaning
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CITY OF BENTON HARBOR
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The City of Benton Harbor's Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. in the Lula Lee Commission Chambers, Benton Harbor City Hall, 200 East Wall Street on a proposed Special Use Permit for 90 W. Main Street (11-51-0400-2080-74) for the purpose of establishing a medical marihuana retail store. In the event that the State of Michigan, Governor Whitmer's Executive Orders # 2020-21 and 2020-75 are extended due to COVID-19, the public hearing / meeting will be conducted virtually. Instructions on how to participate will be posted on the City of Benton Harbor's website, www.bhcity.us.

Written comments can be submitted via email to kthompson@cityofbentonharbormi.gov or delivered to the drop box in front of City Hall, located at 200 E. Wall Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan. The deadline for submission is Monday, July 6, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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FINANCIAL

GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

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Sat June 20th
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June 18 - 20th
8 AM - 5 PM

Saint Joseph, MI
HUGE 4 Family
Thurs June 18th &
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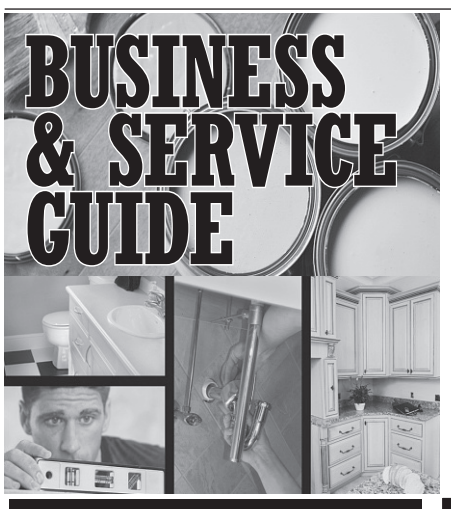

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By EUGENIA LAST

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You need a pick-me-up. Fix up your surroundings to reflect what makes you happy. Focus your attention on something that will keep you up to date physically and intellectually.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Changing the way you earn your living or how you deal with responsibilities will give you the ammunition you need to venture down an exciting path.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get the facts before you sign up for something unfamiliar. Turn a negative situation into a powerful new beginning. Go over every detail and take care of stressful situations yourself.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You'll thrive by learning and enhancing your skills and techniques. The changes you implement into your everyday routine will help you explore new possibilities. Leave the past behind you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Don't let someone's negativity bring you down. Offer a brighter view of a situation you cannot change, and you'll feel good while bringing a smile to someone else's face.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) You'll begin to see things differently. An emotional situation will allow you to make a move in a positive direction. It's time to do things your way.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Refuse to give in to temptation. Do what's right and best for you, and you won't have any regrets. Take better care of your health and nurture meaningful relationships.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Make changes at home that will add to your comfort and convenience. Spending more time with the people you live with should be rewarding, not difficult. Add to your entertainment center.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) It's up to you to call the shots. If you want to change, do what suits you. Letting someone talk you into something that isn't your thing won't make you happy.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Change should be made for the right reasons. Don't let your emotions dictate your next move. A practical approach will bring the best results. Avoid a petty argument.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Take care of matters physically. Too much talk and not enough action will get you into trouble. How you reach out to help others will make a difference and boost your reputation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Your emotions will help you find what you need to maintain balance in your life. Discipline will be required, but, in the end, you will be happy with the results you achieve.

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NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC AND TELEPHONIC PUBLIC HEARINGS
COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP AND WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP

COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP LAKE IMPROVEMENT SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 1

TO: ALL RECORD OWNERS OF OR PARTIES IN INTEREST IN LAND IN THE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS DESCRIBED BELOW:

The Township Boards of Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township will hold joint Public Hearings at 10:00 a.m. on June 27, 2020, by convening the Township Boards through remote electronic access as provided in this Notice, pursuant to the Michigan Open Meetings Act, Michigan Executive Order 2020-75 (COVID-19), and any subsequent amendment, extension, or order, to review the Lake Improvements, including any clarifications and refinements, and the Special Assessment Rolls in the above Special Assessment Districts in the annual amount of $196,500.00 in Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township combined.

The public may participate in the Public Hearing electronically through Zoom, including public comment, by online video conferencing or telephone. You may download the Zoom app (supported on a range of devices) at this link: https://zoom.us/support/download. On a computer or laptop you may also join the Public Hearing through a web browser without downloading the Zoom app. General information on signing in and joining a Zoom meeting is at this link: https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting. Please test your access to the Public Hearing software prior to the Public Hearing.

To join the Public Hearing by online video conferencing, use this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81124589197. If requested, the Zoom Meeting ID is: 811 2458 9197. There is no password required.

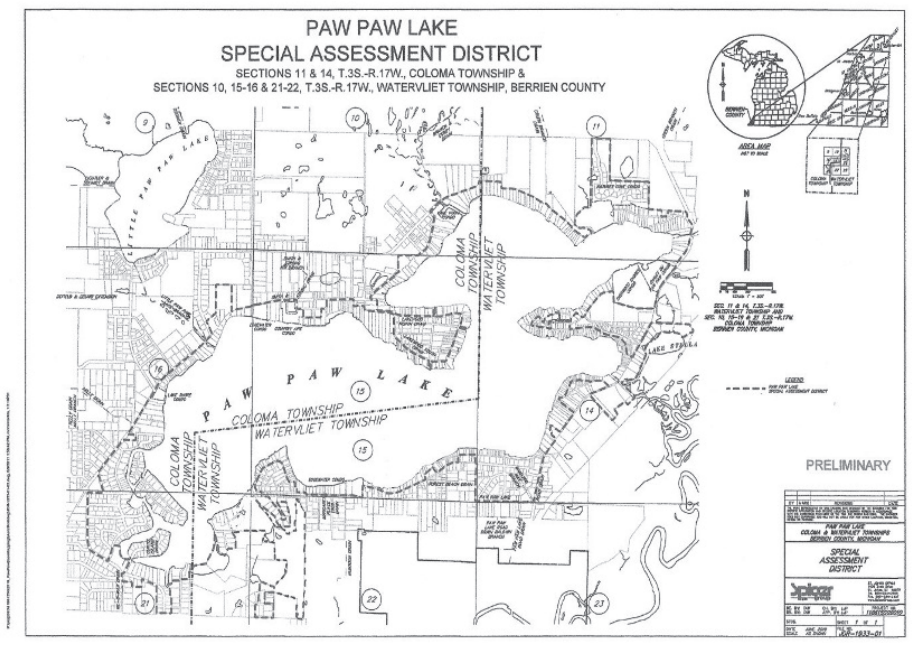
To join the Public Hearing by telephone, call +1(929) 205-6099 or +1(312) 626-6799. If requested, the Meeting ID is 811 2458 9197.

If you are unable to access the Public Hearing electronically due to technical difficulties, please call the Coloma Charter Township Clerk at (269) 468-7212, or the Watervliet Charter Township Clerk at (269) 463-5113, prior to the Public Hearing. Every effort will be made to help you participate.

Questions and comments may be submitted prior to the Public Hearing by email or phone to the Coloma Charter Township Clerk at skraemer@colomatownship.org or (269) 468-7212, or the Watervliet Charter Township Clerk at pbambrick@comcast.net or (269) 463-5113. All questions and comments received prior to the Public Hearing will be distributed to the Township Boards.

Lake Improvements: The Lake Improvements, including any clarifications and refinements, are described in the Paw Paw Lake Improvement Plan prepared by Spicer Group, Inc. and GEI Consultants of Michigan, Inc. The Lake Improvements include measures designed to: reduce percent cover of invasive and nuisance species; reduce total phosphorus in the water column; reduce algal blooms; decrease nutrient inputs into the lake; increase percent cover and diversity of native vegetation; and document and assess existing resources and fish and wildlife habitat, along with recreational and aesthetic values associated with the lake to identify areas of potential improvement, enhancement or restoration.

Coloma Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1 and Watervliet Charter Township Lake Improvement Special Assessment District No. 1: The Special Assessment Districts include all buildable parcels in Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township that have direct access via frontage along Paw Paw Lake, or that have indirect access via deeded or dedicated lake access or canal access to Paw Paw Lake, or that have access via boat piers or boat slips along Paw Paw Lake. See map below.



The Paw Paw Lake Improvement Plan describing the Lake Improvements and the most recent Special Assessment Rolls will be on file with the Coloma Charter Township Clerk, Sandra Kraemer, 4919 Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, MI 49038, and with the Watervliet Charter Township Clerk, Patricia Bambrick, 4959 M-140, PO Box 384, Watervliet, MI 49098, for public examination during any time those offices are open to the public. Those documents may also be viewed and downloaded at the following website: http://www.pawpawlakerestoration.com/ Links to that website may also be found on each Township's website at: http://www.watervliettownship.org/ and http://www.colomatownship.org/

The Special Assessment Rolls assess the cost of the Lake Improvements to the properties in the Special Assessment Districts as follows: (a) For each developed or buildable waterfront parcel with direct access via frontage along Paw Paw Lake or direct channel access via channel frontage to Paw Paw Lake, and each condominium or residence unit in waterfront condominium complexes and funneling properties, $212.86 per year; (b) For each developed or buildable parcel that has shared access through a park or unbuildable property to Paw Paw Lake or indirect access via frontage along Lake Stella, $21.29 per year; and (c) For each marina on Paw Paw Lake, $212.86 per year for the first eight (8) slips or less, and an additional $212.86 per year for each additional eight (8) slips or less.

After the Public Hearing, the Township Boards will adopt a Resolution to either: (1) continue the Lake Improvements; (2) continue the Lake Improvements with specified changes; or (3) discontinue the Lake Improvements; or (4) discontinue the entire project. If periodic redeterminations of cost of the Lake Improvements and the amount of the annual Special Assessments are necessary without a change in the Special Assessment Districts, such redeterminations may be made without further notice to record owners or parties in interest in the property.

To the extent that any appeal may be provided by law, the owner or any person having an interest in property within the Special Assessment Districts may file a written appeal with the Michigan Tax Tribunal within thirty (30) days after adoption of the Resolution as described above. However, appearance and protest at the Public Hearing are required to appeal the special assessment to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. An owner or other party in interest or his or her agent may (1) appear in person at the Public Hearing to protest the special assessment, or (2) file his or her appearance or protest by letter before the close of the Public Hearing.

The Township Boards shall maintain a record of parties who appear to protest at the Public Hearing. If the Public Hearing is terminated or adjourned for the day before a party is provided the opportunity to be heard, a party whose appearance was recorded shall be considered to have protested the special assessment in person. Coloma Charter Township and Watervliet Charter Township will provide auxiliary aids or services to individuals with disabilities. Persons needing such services should contact the office of the township clerk by writing or calling the clerk not less than four (4) days before the Public Hearing.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWNSHIP BOARDS

Sandra Kraemer, Clerk
Coloma Charter Township
4919 Paw Paw Lake Road
Coloma, MI 49038
Phone: (269) 468-7212

(Publish June__, 2020 and June __, 2020)

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White House steps up effort to downplay coronavirus concerns

NEW YORK (AP) — President Donald Trump has long been fond of crafting his own version of the facts. But when he said "if we stop testing right now we'd have very few cases" of coronavirus, he may have written a new line of attack for critics who question his commitment to following the science.

His statement overlooks other important measures of the ongoing coronavirus threat, including hospitalizations and deaths.

Trump's comment Monday was part of a broader administration effort to play down the pandemic, a push that public health experts and Democratic officials worry is sending a dangerous message to the American public as some parts of the country have seen a surge in cases in recent weeks.

"An ostrich puts his head in the sand because he doesn't want to see what's around him," said Lawrence Gostin, a public health expert at Georgetown University. "It's the same thing with Trump."

Last week, the University of Washington's Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation published new projections that show COVID-19-related deaths in the U.S. could surpass 200,000 by Oct. 1. The institute said rising rates of infections, hospitalizations and death "are now occurring in the wake of eased or ended distancing policies."

Trump offered more rosy talk Tuesday, predicting that a vaccine would be available by year's end and adding that "even without it, it goes away." He offered that optimistic outlook just one day after he attributed surging positive cases to testing in the United States that is "so much bigger and more advanced than any other country."

Vice President Mike Pence, for his part, pushed back in a Wall Street Journal op-ed that the potential for a second wave of the virus was "overblown.'

"Less than 2 percent of the counties in the entire country are seeing any significant increase in cases," Pence said in a separate Fox News interview. "That's a tribute to the American people."

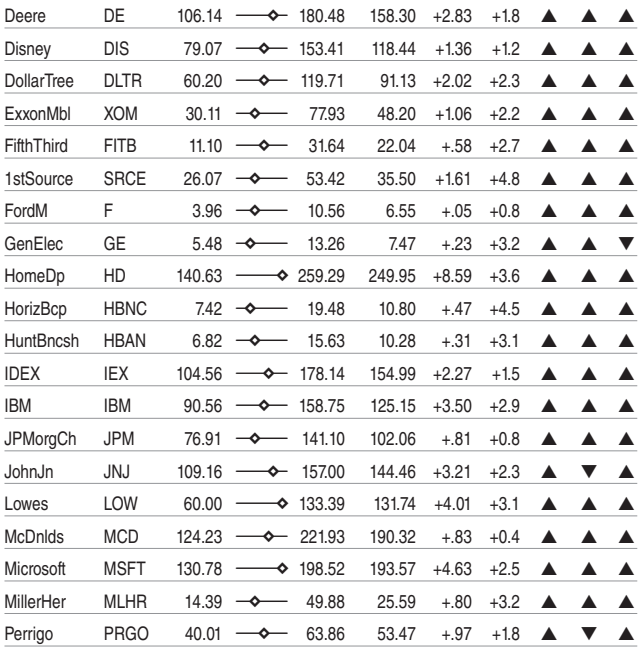
But public health experts say Trump and Pence's ebullience papers over concerning data that suggests that the virus remains a serious threat to Americans' health and the economy and that the slowing of social distancing and mitigation efforts risks a second wave of the coronavirus in the fall.

Chuck Schumer, the Senate Democratic minority leader, criticized the vice president for ridiculing concerns about a second wave.

"Dr. Pence would not be someone I'd go to for a medical checkup, or for medical advice," he said.

The Trump administration's push to diminish concerns about the virus comes as the president looks to resume his reelection campaign in earnest. Trump has seen his support erode over his handling of the pandemic and nationwide protests following the killing of George Floyd, the African American Minneapolis man who died after a white policeman pressed his knee onto Floyd's neck.

MARKETS



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▲ **4-wk.** +6.6% ▼ **YTD** -14.4%

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AEP	AEP	65.14	104.97	81.60	-.16	-0.2	▼	▲	▲
Apple Inc	AAPL	192.17	354.77	352.08	+9.09	+2.7	▲	▲	▲
AutoZone	AZO	684.91	1274.41	1139.70	+21.04	+1.9	▲	▲	▲
BP PLC	BP	15.51	42.70	24.55	+.19	+0.8	▼	▲	▲
CMS Eng	CMS	46.03	69.12	59.13	+.66	+1.1	▲	▲	▲
CocaCola	KO	36.27	60.07	46.77	+.47	+1.0	▲	▲	▲
Comcast	CMCSA	31.71	47.74	39.75	-.08	-0.2	▲	▲	▲
Deere	DE	106.14	180.48	158.30	+2.83	+1.8	▲	▲	▲
Disney	DIS	79.07	153.41	118.44	+1.36	+1.2	▲	▲	▲
DollarTree	DLTR	60.20	119.71	91.13	+2.02	+2.3	▲	▲	▲
ExxonMbl	XOM	30.11	77.93	48.20	+1.06	+2.2	▲	▲	▲
FifthThird	FITB	11.10	31.64	22.04	+.58	+2.7	▲	▲	▲
1stSource	SRCE	26.07	53.42	35.50	+1.61	+4.8	▲	▲	▲
FordM	F	3.96	10.56	6.55	+.05	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
GenElec	GE	5.48	13.26	7.47	+.23	+3.2	▲	▲	▼
HomeDp	HD	140.63	259.29	249.95	+8.59	+3.6	▲	▲	▲
HorizBcp	HBNC	7.42	19.48	10.80	+.47	+4.5	▲	▲	▲
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Pfizer	PFE	27.88	44.56	33.40	+.04	+0.1	▼	▼	▲
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VerizonCm	VZ	48.84	62.22	56.92	+.77	+1.4	▲	▲	▲
WEC Engy	WEC	68.01	109.53	90.82	+.35	+0.4	▲	▲	▲
WalMart	WMT	102.00	133.38	119.65	+1.57	+1.3	▲	▼	▲
WalgBoots	WBA	36.65	64.50	42.15	+.66	+1.6	▲	▲	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	6.82	24.04	22.04	+.17	+0.8	▲	▲	▲
Whrlpl	WHR	64.00	163.64	126.32	+.72	+0.6	▲	▲	▲
Worthgtn	WOR	19.28	44.69	35.63	+2.01	+6.0	▲	▲	▲
XPO Logis	XPO	38.47	100.18	78.71	+1.12	+1.4	▲	▲	▲

OBITUARIES

Shirlene Luese Carmichael

Aug. 22, 1939 – June 7, 2020

Shirlene Luese Carmichael of Watervliet went to be with her Lord and Savior on Sunday, June 7, 2020, at the age of 80, in Portage, Mich.

Shirlene was born Aug. 22, 1939, in Bangor, the daughter of Horace and Hilda (Shugars) Hindes, both of whom precede her in passing. Also preceding her in passing were a daughter, Anita Davis; and a sister, Buzz Duda.

Shirlene was formerly employed for 25 years at Watervliet Community Hospital, where she coordinated scheduling, discharge planning and social work, and then retired after another 10 years at Whirlpool Corporation in the customer service and safety division.

Shirlene earned a bachelor of science in social work in 1997, and was licensed as a social service technician through the State of Michigan Board of Social Work.

Shirlene loved the Lord and will be dearly missed by her family and all who knew and loved her. It was her joy and privilege to serve on the prayer chain at Hartford Bible Church for many years.

Shirlene leaves behind to cherish her memory: two daughters, Rhonda Shine Wilbur and Karen (John) McClay; a son, Kenneth Casey Carmichael; a grandson, Dr. Beau (Erin) Shine; and a great-grandchild.

As per Shirlene's wishes, a private family service was held at the Calvin Funeral Home in Hartford on Friday, June 12, with Pastor Benjamin Williamson officiating. Shirlene was laid to rest in Arlington Hill Cemetery in Bangor. Memorial donations in Shirlene's name may be made to the Hartford Bible Church. Those wishing to leave condolences for the family may do so at www.calvin-leonardfh.com.

Christopher Dasse

April 29, 1948 – May 11, 2020

A Celebration of Life is being held for Christopher Dasse from noon-4 p.m. Saturday, June 20, at his son Ken's house, 3471 Boyer Road, Coloma. The eulogy will be delivered at 12:30 p.m.

Death notices

Douglas E. Bunnell, 78, of Benton Harbor died June 12, 2020, at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Shirlene L. Carmichael, 80, of Watervliet died June 7, 2020, in Portage, Mich. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 621-4101.

LaVern C. Cluff, 79, of Baroda died June 14, 2020, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Beverly Oliver, 91, of Berrien Springs died June 15, 2020, at home. Heritage Chapel and Cremation Services, Berrien Springs, 471-2700.

Kenneth W. "Ken" Priebe, 87, of Battle Creek, Mich., formerly of Benton Harbor died June 14, 2020. Farley Estes Dowdle Funeral Home & Cremation Care, Battle Creek, (269) 962-5527.

Eugene L. Robinson, 92, of Benton Harbor died June 15, 2020, at Hallmark Living Center, Benton Harbor. Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor, 926-7222.

Stanley Smentkowski, 65, of Benton Harbor died June 1, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Donna Draper

Jan. 17, 1938 – June 12, 2020

Donna Draper, 82, passed away June 12, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

Donna was born Jan. 17, 1938, in St. Joseph, to the late Robert and Alice (Casselman) Draper. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by a brother, Robert Draper.

She is survived by her brother, Daniel (Carol) Draper of South Bend, Ind.; and her nephew, Todd Draper of South Bend.

Her surviving family wishes to thank her many wonderful neighbors, who so kindly assisted her for many years, and the doctors and nurses who took care of her.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a memorial gathering will be planned for a later date. If you wish to be advised of the time and place of the memorial gathering, email your contact information to daniel.draper@njsnet.com.

To send online condolences, visit www.kaniewski.com.

'Still scared': Health workers feel the toll of virus fight

By JENNIFER PELTZ
Associated Press

John Minchillo / AP Photo

Medical personnel work in the emergency department at NYC Health + Hospitals Metropolitan, May 27, in New York. At hospitals around the country, nurses, doctors and other health care workers are reckoning with the psychological toll of the virus fight, coupled with fears that the disease could flare anew later this year.

NEW YORK — Outside a back door to a hospital where the coronavirus hit like a hurricane, a half-dozen staffers gathered recently to look back, and look inward.

"I am still scared," Dr. Gwen Hooley told her colleagues at Elmhurst Hospital, which was swamped with patients in late March as the virus rampaged through New York.

Physician's assistant Diane Akhbari recalled her husband leaving food on the cellar stairs while she isolated herself for months for fear of infecting her family: "I felt like an animal," she said, her voice cracking.

Co-workers talked about how terrifying it felt early on, not knowing whether they'd have enough protective gear. How one endured his own case of COVID-19 and others saw young and healthy people like themselves get critically sick. How colleagues discussed drawing up wills.

And how haunting it is to think it may all happen again.

"I feel like it's a calm before a second storm," said Hooley, an emergency room physician who lost a relative to the virus.

While the global pandemic hasn't abated, the days when gasping patients arrived at Elmhurst nonstop, when ventilators ran low and deaths so high that a refrigerated morgue truck was stationed outside, have subsided. Not necessarily the pain.

At Elmhurst and hospitals around the country, nurses, doctors and other health care workers are reckoning with the psychological toll of the virus fight, coupled with fears that the disease could flare anew later this year.

"There's this overarching feeling of 'Is the next shift going to be the shift where there's 200 people in the waiting room again?'" said Dr. Samantha LeDonne, an ER physician. "You still can't enjoy the calmness or feel like you're at normal when you have that in the back of your head."

Health care workers have been cheered as heroes in the virus crisis, and some have found the challenge and teamwork deeply meaningful. But the work also has been exhausting and traumatic, even for people accustomed to a life-and-death job.

A study of 1,200 Chinese hospital workers found half reported symptoms of depression and 44 percent reported signs of anxiety amid the coronavirus outbreak there. The United Nations said frontline healthcare workers faced "exceptional stress" in the pandemic, and that ensuring their mental health is critical to the world's recovery.

Calls to a colleague-to-colleague "psychological first aid" program in the Baltimore-based Johns Hopkins hospital system increased from a handful a week to scores, said program co-founder Dr. Albert Wu. Taking calls and making rounds, volunteers spoke with 2,000 co-workers in 10 weeks.

In places where the virus raged, hospital staffers say they were broadsided by the sheer, shocking volume of serious illness and death. As healers, they felt the pain of not being able to offer a cure, while pushing through their own concerns about contracting the virus. They mourned relatives and colleagues and bore the weight of seeing patients suffer and die without the comfort of loved ones because of bans on visitors.

After six years as an intensive care nurse, Angelyn Bannor was conditioned to patients dying sometimes. But "this was beyond," she said.

"I couldn't handle it. It's not physical, but emotionally, it was very hard," said Bannor, who works at Metropolitan Hospital – like Elmhurst, a New York City public hospital that had a heavy coronavirus caseload. She has looked for solace in prayer and in tearful phone sessions with colleagues.

For now, the virus' surge has given way to an uneasy quiet.

"The adrenaline wore off a bit, and it was like, 'What did we just go through?'" says Dr. Eric Wei, an ER physician who also oversees quality-improvement initiatives for city public hospitals. "We're still in that grieving, recovery phase, but also, we know that time is critical before the next mini-surge or before the next peak."

There's nothing unusual about distress or anxiety following an upsetting experience, psychologists note. Most people work through the feelings in a few weeks.

But there is concern that some who cared for COVID-19 patients may develop post-traumatic stress disorder, a longer-term and more disruptive condition.

Witnessing death and feeling exposed to life-threatening risk repeatedly in a single workday can have prolonged effects, said New York psychologist Paula Madrid. She's working with about two dozen health care professionals who are grappling with sleeplessness, edginess and other reactions to the pandemic.

She encourages them to see their experiences "for what they really are, which is going through something that no one is really prepared for."

Elmhurst staffers have been trying to help each other see that, too, with support from hospital management.

They share thoughts at "debrief" sessions, like the recent one by the back door. A special break room is staffed by a social worker and decorated with thank-you notes from around the country. Another room quietly pays respects to several colleagues who died of the virus.

Some have taken initiative from loss. After losing her father and a brother to the virus in her native Spain, pediatrician Dr. Pilar Gonzalez organized a hotline to help families of Elmhurst patients get updates on their infected loved ones.

Other staffers aren't inclined, or ready, to examine how the virus affected them, said Dr. Suzanne Bentley, an ER physician who helps lead Elmhurst's efforts to foster emotional support among staffers.

"There's a certain fear that when you let that all out, you're never going to be able to put that back in. And the reality is: We still need to put on our brave faces and our clearest thoughts and deal with the remaining patients ... compounded with the fear of the next wave," Bentley said.

But "there's so much power in just coming together and saying, 'I see you, and this is hard. And you feel how you feel, and that is exactly how you should feel.'"

DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Michael Prittinen has plans to transform the old National Guard Armory in St. Joseph into a brewery and restaurant. The Baroda Township industrialist has chosen an architectural firm renowned for historic restoration projects to help plan the site. Because the site is listed on the National Register of Historic Places, renovating the vacant, crumbling buildings into a brew pub could become one of the most complicated and costly real estate redevelopment projects in Southwest Michigan.

35 years ago – 1985

Twin Cities Glass Co., of Benton Harbor and Stevensville, is observing its 50th year in business. The company was founded in 1935 at 138 Elm St. (now Wall St.) in Benton Harbor by Earl Haynes and his brothers Fred (now deceased) and Robert, who left eh company in the mid-1940s. Twin Cities Glass has been at its present location at 290 Colfax Ave. in Benton Harbor since 1948, and also has operations at 6999 Red Arrow Highway, Stevensville. David Haynes, Earl's son and vice president, said the company, which has 16 employees, specializes in retail glass, mirrors, tabletops, automotive glass, storm windows, and a variety of other glass products.

50 years ago – 1970

Benton Harbor Schools administrators held their annual golf outing yesterday at Tabor Farm and finished the last hole by presenting a plaque to Alden Bierman, who is retiring after 32 years in the system and serving as assistant principal at the senior high since 1951. Lawrence Peachey, Sorter School principal, made the presentation.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, June 17, the 169th day of 2020. There are 197 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On June 17, 1972, President Richard Nixon's eventual downfall began with the arrest of five burglars inside the Democratic headquarters in Washington, D.C.'s Watergate complex.

On this date:

In 1579, Sir Francis Drake arrived in present-day northern California, naming it New Albion and claiming English sovereignty.

In 1775, the Revolutionary War Battle of Bunker Hill resulted in a costly victory for the British, who suffered heavy losses.

In 1928, Amelia Earhart embarked on a trans-Atlantic flight from Newfoundland to Wales with pilots Wilmer Stultz and Louis Gordon, becoming the first woman to make the trip as a passenger.

In 1930, President Herbert Hoover signed the Smoot-Hawley Tariff Act, which boosted U.S. tariffs to historically high levels, prompting foreign retaliation.

In 1933, the "Kansas City Massacre" took place outside Union Station in Kansas City, Mo., as a group of gunmen attacked law enforcement officers escorting federal prisoner Frank Nash; four of the officers were killed, along with Nash.

In 1944, the Republic of Iceland was established.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Mostly Sunny	Scattered T-storms	Scattered T-storms
82°	63°	81° / 68°	83° / 70°	82° / 68°	78° / 66°

Local Outlook

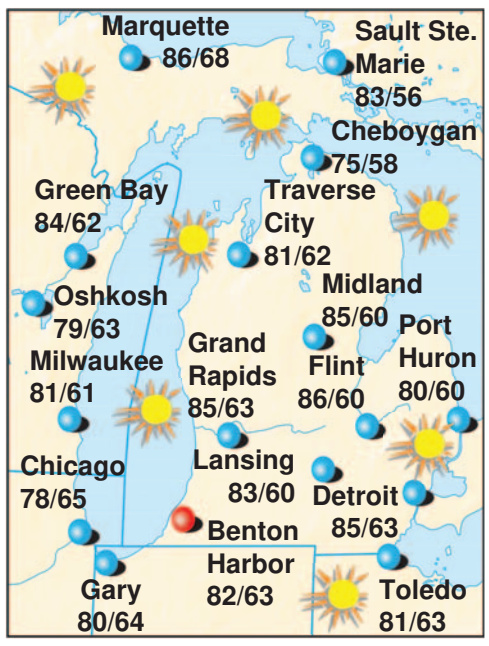
Today we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 82°, humidity of 43%. South southeast wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 63°. East northeast wind 2 to 6 mph. Thursday, skies will be sunny, high of 81°, humidity of 47%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	6:09 a.m.
Sunset	9:24 p.m.
Moonrise	3:59 a.m.
Moonset	5:57 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
6/21	6/28	7/5	7/12

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	84°
Low	63°
Normal High	80°
Normal Low	59°
Record High	94° in 2018
Record Low	51° in 1999

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.25"
Normal for month	2.09"
Year to date	19.21"
Normal Year to date	15.07"

Air Quality

Yesterday 55

Main Offender Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 Good
51-100 Moderate
101-150 Sensitive
151-200 Unhealthy

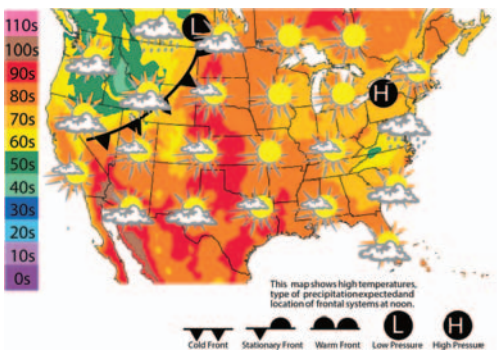
Weather Trivia

Do tornadoes occur on every continent?

Answer: Yes, except on the continent of Antarctica.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for June 17, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, SSE wind around 6 kt. Sunny. Waves 1 ft or less. Water temperature 59 degrees. Tonight, NE wind around 6 kt. Mostly clear. Waves 1 ft or less.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 70s and 80s. East southeast wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect sunny skies Thursday with highs in the 70s and 80s. South southeast wind 2 to 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 80s. South southeast wind 2 to 6 mph. Expect sunny skies Thursday with highs in the 80s. Light winds.

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OK, then ran back home and held Mercado-Rodriguez on the ground until police arrived.

It happened around 10:30 p.m. the night of March 25 at the Spring Lake mobile home park on West John Beers Road in Stevensville. Lincoln Township police and fire department responded.

Police officer Todd Hopke said he was working a night shift when he responded to a report of a possible explosion and fire. He said when he got to the trailer park, the fire was out. He said a corner of the mobile home had been burned and he smelled gasoline. He testified that he found a cigarette lighter on the ground about 6 feet from the trailer.

Hopke said he then was called to another mobile home in the park, where he found a young man holding a woman down outside. He identified the woman as Mercado-Rodriguez. He said he handcuffed the woman and, because she appeared to be drunk or drugged, he took her to the hospital. He said her clothing smelled of gasoline.

A neighbor of Mercado's testified that her mobile home has a motion-activated security camera and the events of the night were captured on video. Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Eric Dark submitted the video as evidence, and it was viewed on a laptop computer by the judge and by Tat Parish, the lawyer for Mercado-Rodriguez. The preliminary hearing was adjourned so Mercado-Rodriguez will have a chance to view the video in jail and talk with her lawyer.

Dark is expected to call one more witness when the hearing resumes sometime next week.

Before testimony began in Tuesday's hearing, Parish unsuccessfully argued a motion to adjourn the hearing, saying the defendant has a right to be present in the courtroom so he can confer with her during the hearing.

Judge Bruce said he is following a state Supreme Court order to conduct court appearances remotely as much as possible due to the coronavirus.

"We all want to get back to normal. I don't know when that will happen. I must adhere to the Supreme Court's order to make a good faith effort to conduct business remotely," the judge said.

Dark argued against Parish's motion, saying "This (restrictions) could go on in perpetuity. It's not perfect, but it's the best we have right now."

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The Paxton Media Group has established a $250,000 fund to help local business get back to full strength by subsidizing their marketing through matching grants. Area businesses can now apply for a grant to help them recover from the effects of the coronavirus crisis.

How Will It Work for My Business?

The fund is open to all locally owned and operated businesses impacted by the coronavirus, whether or not they are current advertisers. Grant money can be used for local print newspaper and special product advertising between April 22 and June 30, 2020. Grants are available for a minimum of $200 and a maximum of $5,000 of matching funds each month. Eg: spend $200 in advertising, we match with a grant of $200 additional advertising dollars to equal $400.

How Do I Apply?

To apply for a dollar-for-dollar matching advertising grant, applications must be submitted at TheHP.com. Click on the "Site Forms" link at the bottom of the home page, then click on the "Advertising Match Program" link. Or enter this url into your web browser: bit.ly/2wZek6q

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